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For: PLASTIC CONTAINER

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office action mailed July 5, 2002, in which the above-captioned application was examined for restriction purposes only. Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following remarks and provisional election in the file of the application.

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REMARKS

On page 2 of the Office action, the Examiner required that this application be restricted to one of two species of the claimed invention: "Group I, the left side of Fig. 4 (*i.e.*, the protrusion)," or "Group II, the right side of Fig. 4 (*i.e.*, the indentation)." Applicants provisionally elect Group II, with traverse. Claims 1, 4, 6-13, 15-18, and 29-45 read on elected Group II.

However, Applicants respectfully submit that because a single search would encompass all of the pending claims, the restriction requirement should be withdrawn. Thus, it is believed that the examination of all of the pending claims would not impose an unreasonable burden on the Examiner, and that the restriction requirement should be withdrawn. Manual of Patent Examining Procedure, §803.01 (August 2001).

No fee is believed due for this submission. However, should any fees be due for this submission or to avoid abandonment of the application, please charge such fees to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

Respectfully submitted,

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